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DTG 131605Z JUL 78; C. AC/281(LTP)N(78)6

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1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFS A AND B THAT THE US MAJOR POINTS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN PETRIGNANT'S RECOMMENDED APPROACH (REF C).
2. IN REGARD TO THE 20 JULY EWG CONSIDERATION OF REF C, WE AGREE WITH MISSION APPROACH IN REFS A AND B, INCLUDING MARKERS.

3. OUR OBJECTIVES AT 20 JULY EWG MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A- TO MOVE LTDP SOONEST INTO IMPLEMENTATION AREA
(PROGRAM ACTION OR STUDY AS APPROPRIATE).

B. TO IDENTIFY THE EWG AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE
LTDP.

C. TO STRENGTHEN POSITION OF PETRIGNANI AS LUNS' SENIOR NATO
CIVILIAN OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH NATO DEFENSE AFFAIRS.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT OF ACTION
RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN VERY BROADLY HANDLED BY IS.
WHILE WE SHOULD NOT INSIST THAT PETRIGNANI'S REPORT BE
REVISED TO PROVIDE FOR MORE DETAILED HANDLING, WE WOULD
WELCOME MORE SPECIFICS, IF THIS CAN READILY BE ACHIEVED,
TO REDUCE CHANCES OF MISUNDERSTANDING. WE THINK
PETRIGNANI SHOULD INDICATE IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT THAT
ENTRIES IN THE "ACTION BY" COLUMN ARE INTENDED TO
DESIGNATE THE PRINCIPAL OR INITIAL ACTOR/AGENT AND
SHOULD NOT RELIEVE OTHERS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

5. FYI. THE DESIGNATION IN PARA 6 AND THE ANNEXES OF
THE REPORT OF CATEGORY "A" MEASURES AS THOSE READY FOR
DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION WITHOUT FURTHER REFINEMENT COULD
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IN MANY CASES BE CONSIDERED A MISNOMER. END FYI. EVEN
MANY CATEGORY "A" MEASURES NEED TO BE FLESHED OUT MORE
PRECISELY FOR PROGRAM PURPOSES. THIS REFINEMENT SHOULD
INCLUDE THE LISTING OF SUBORDINATE MEASURES WITH SPECIFIC
ACTION AGENCIES DESIGNATED FOR EACH AND THE SPELLING OUT
OF PROGRAMMATIC DETAILS SUCH AS SPECIFIC QUANTITIES AND
TIME SCHEDULES. SUCH PROGRAMMATIC REFINEMENT WILL
FACILITATE COORDINATED ACTION AMONG COUNTRIES AND NATO
AGENCIES AND IMPROVE MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION. WE
SUGGEST ASKING PETRIGNANI TO OFFER TO HAVE THE IS, IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE IMS, MNCS AND COUNTRIES (IF
NECESSARY), PREPARE SUPPLEMENTARY CHECKLISTS COVERING
THESE POINTS FOLLOWING THE 20 JULY EWG MEETING.

6. WE ANTICIPATE THAT AT THE 20 JULY EWG MEETING THE
OTHER COUNTRIES AND THE MC AND MNC REPRESENTATIVES MAY
PROPOSE CHANGES TO THE REPORT. YOU SHOULD, OF COURSE,
RESIST ATTEMPTS TO DIMINISH THE SCOPE AND THRUST OF
THE RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-THROUGH ACTION. IF THERE ARE
SUFFICIENT RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO JUSTIFY SECOND DRAFT,
WE WOULD WISH TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT.

7. IF MC REP RAISES QUESTION OF HAVING INPUT STATUS REPORTS PROCESSED THROUGH MC PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO EWG, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST CONTINUATION OF CURRENT APPROACH, UNDER WHICH MC RECEIVES REPORTS AT SAME TIME AS EWG EXPRESSES ITS VIEWS INITIALLY THROUGH ITS TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF EWG AND FORWARDS ITS FINAL VIEWS TO SEC GEN BEFORE DPC TAKES UP EWG REPORT.

8. FYI. AS A RELATED MATTER BUT ONE WHICH SHOULD NOT DELAY EWG ACTION ON PETRIGNANI'S PAPER SETTING LTDP IMPLEMENTATION IN MOTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE EARLY EWG GUIDANCE ON PROGRAM REPORTING. EVEN WITH SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO FLESH OUT MAIN HEADINGS WITH SUBSIDIARY ACTIONS, WE WILL STILL
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NEED AN AGREED REPORTING FORMAT FOR USE BY ALL PROGRAM MONITORS AND FOR INPUTS TO PROGRAM MONITORS. WITHOUT THIS, AS WITH THE TASK FORCE REPORTS, THE NINE PROGRAMS CANNOT BE LOOKED AT FROM A COMPARABLE BASIS. THE ISSUE OF COSTING IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN RELATING PROGRESS TO ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES AND WILL HAVE GREAT RELEVANCE IN FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF PRIORITIES. WE THINK IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO HAVE SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR TRANSLATING THE LTDP RECOMMENDATIONS INTO PROGRAMMATIC TERMS. THE BEST APPROACH FOR MOST -- BUT NOT ALL -- OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT BE TO REVIEW THE LTDP TASK FORCE REPORTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO CONSIDER IN IMPLEMENTING THE DECISION OF MODS AND HEADS OF STATE. WE THINK PETRIGNANI SHOULD INCLUDE THIS IN HIS LETTERS TO ACTION AGENCIES. WE REQUEST EARLY MISSION COMMENTS ON HOW TO HANDLE THESE PROBLEMS. WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND DOD REPS TO BRUSSELS IN AUGUST FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THESE PROBLEMS IF MISSION WISHES. END FYI.

9. AS POINTED OUT IN REF B, THERE APPEAR TO BE A NUMBER OF INACCURACIES AND OMISSIONS IN THE ANNEXES. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH IS IN ADVANCE OF 20 JULY MEETING TO DETERMINE WHETHER CORRECTIONS ARE BEING MADE OR WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE RAISED AT THE MEETING.

A. ANNEX D - MARITIME POSTURE - SECTION A - IN ADDITION TO NATIONS, APPROPRIATE NATO ACTION COMMITTEES SHOULD BE DESIGNATED.

B. ANNEX F - C3

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(1) NICSMA SHOULD BE ADDED AS AN ACTION AGENCY FOR MEASURE B3.

(2) DELETE NCEB AS AN ACTION AGENCY FOR MEASURE B4.

(3) DELETE NCCDPC AS AN ACTION AGENCY FOR MEASURE B6.

C. ANNEX J - CONSUMER LOGISTICS MEASURES B3 AND B5 REQUIRE NO MORE REFINEMENT THAN OTHER LOGISTICS MEASURES IN CATEGORY A AND THEREFORE COULD BE MOVED FROM CATEGORY B TO A.

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